



Machine Learning for Unraveling the Complex Biology of CNS Disease

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We are insitro



*a seamless integration of **in silico** and **in vitro***

We are a drug discovery and development company enabled by a powerful convergence of machine learning and data generation at scale to bring medicines to the patients who need them

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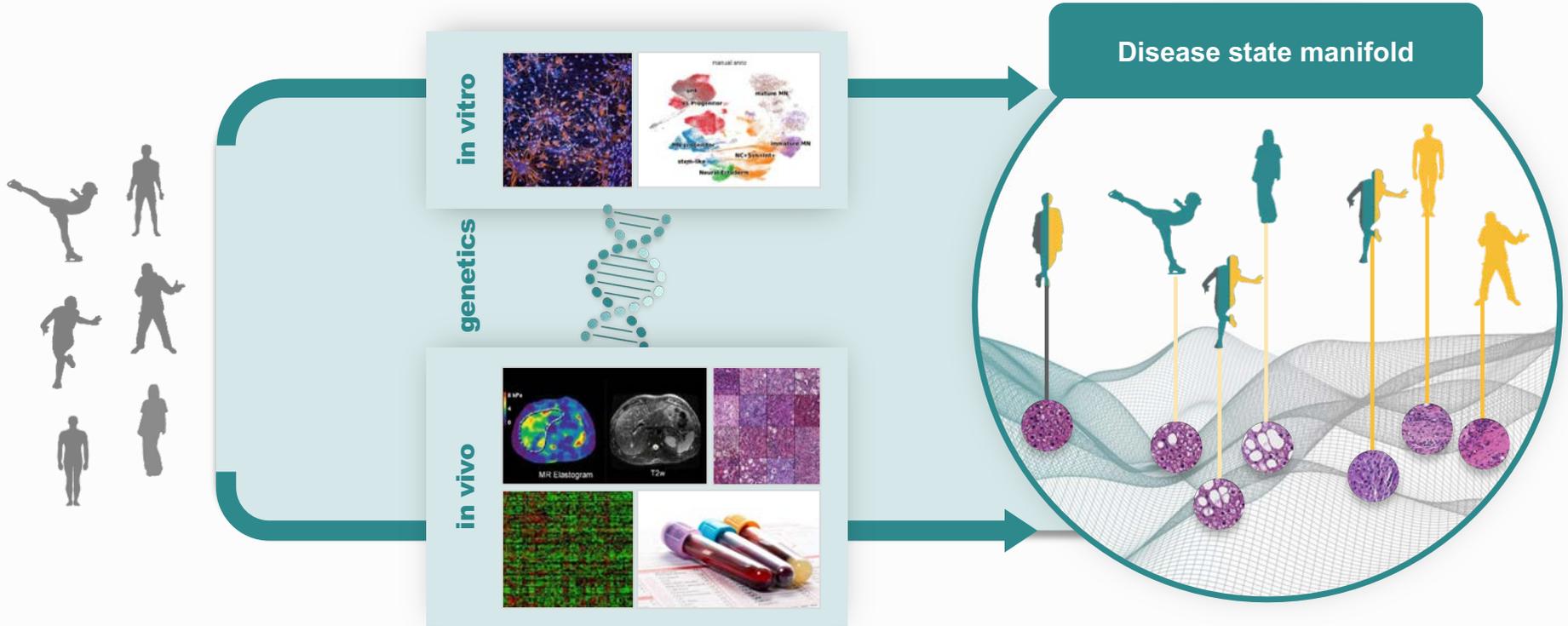


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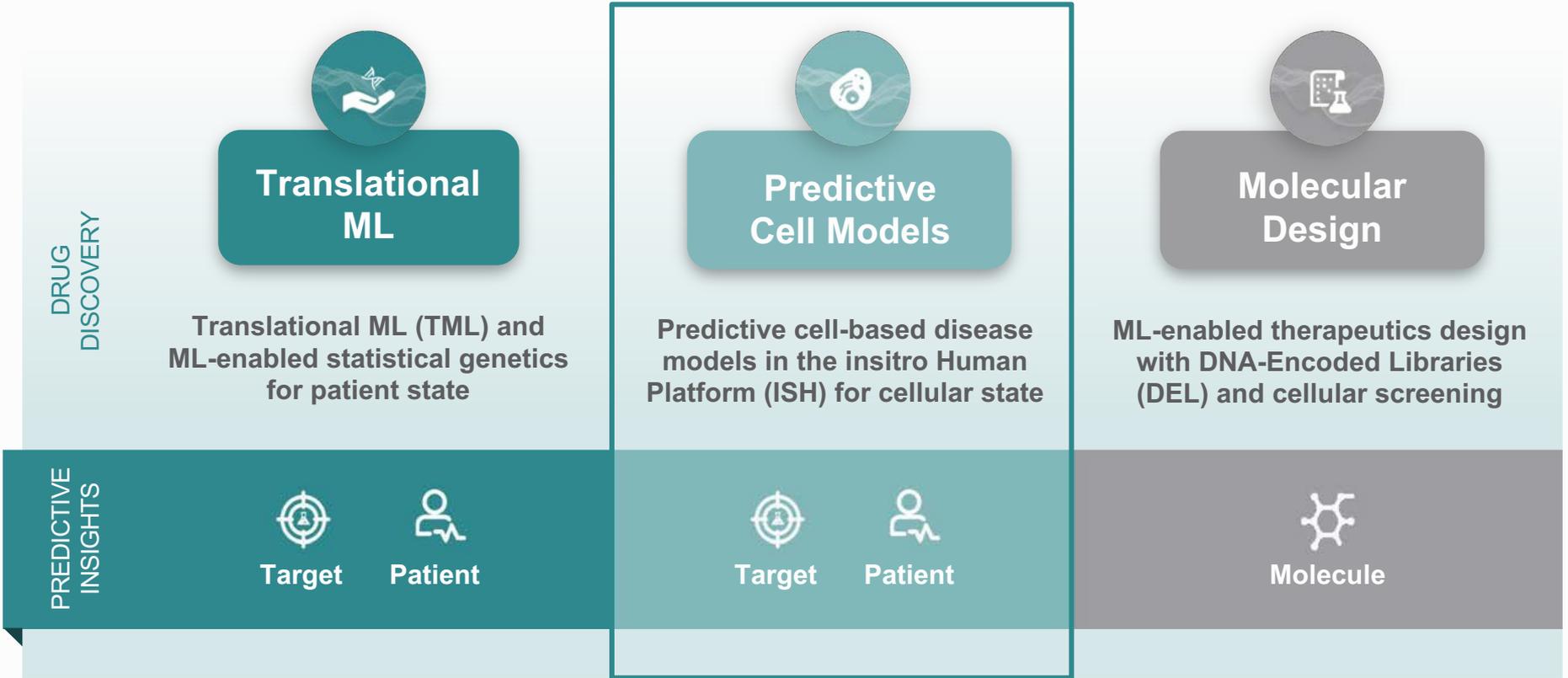
Multiple Forces Enable Our Transformative Approach



The insitro Platform Bridges Genetics and Clinical Outcomes with High-content Data



insitro Target and Drug Discovery Efforts



insitro's Efforts in Neuroscience



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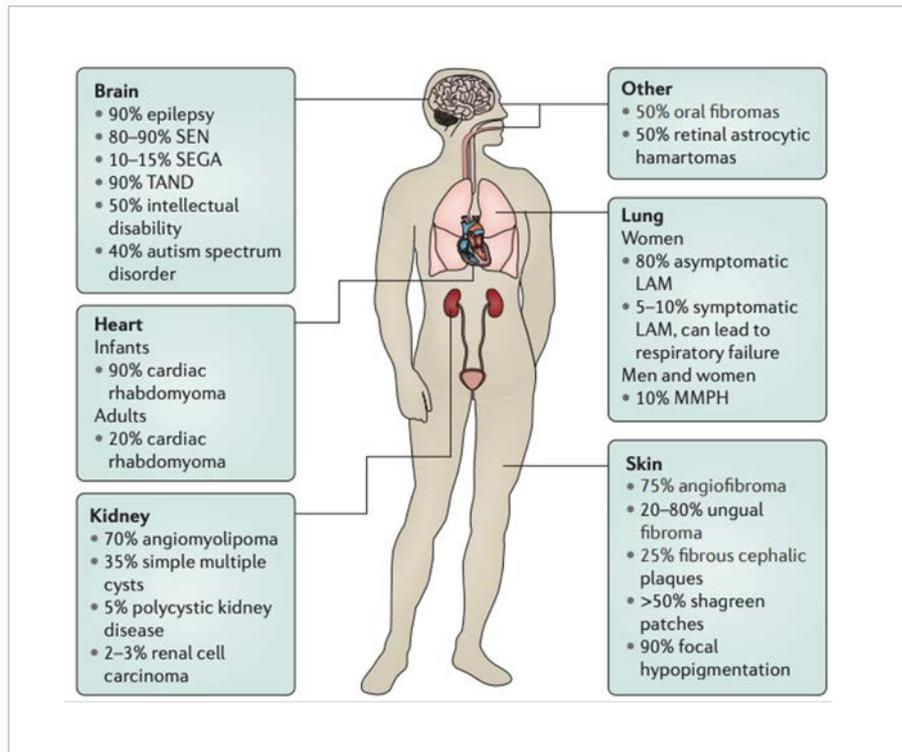
PRIORITY INDICATIONS

- Tuberous sclerosis complex
- ALS (with BMS)
- Undisclosed neurodegeneration

EXAMPLE INSITRO DISCOVERY EFFORTS

- ML-enabled analysis of multi-modal data from iPSC-derived neuronal cell models for target discovery and interrogation
- Familial mutations provide phenotypic ground truth for sporadic disease in cell models

Discovery in Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC)



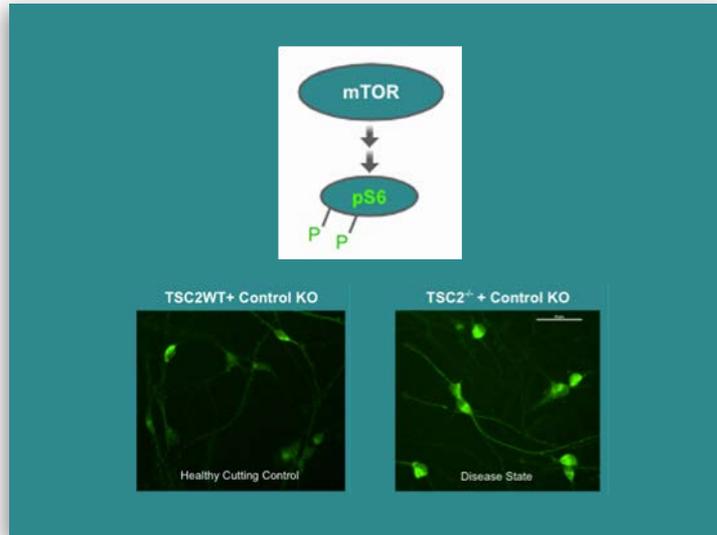
Motivation

- **Prevalence:** 50K US patients; >1M globally
- **Genetics:** *TSC1/TSC2* LoF leading to mTOR pathway overactivation
- **Symptoms:** Benign tumors in skin, brain and kidney leading to neuro impairment, epilepsy
- **Everolimus** approved for adjunctive use for seizures, but ineffective in ~50% of patients
- Strong advocacy



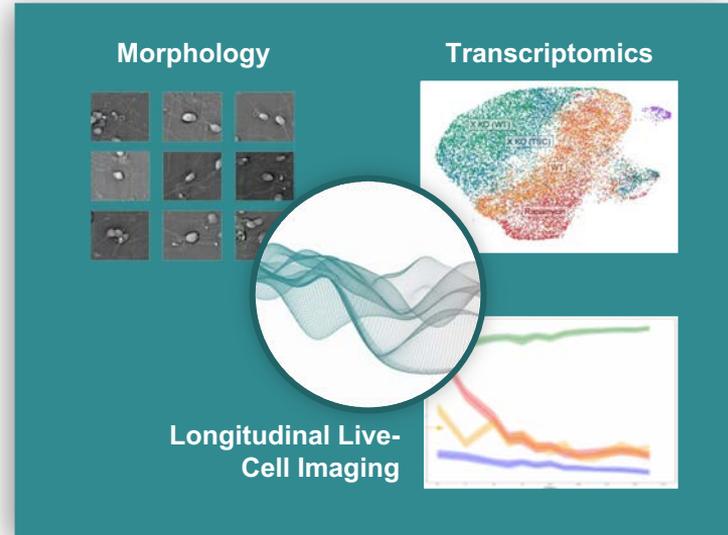
Dynamic Phenotyping for Discovery in TSC

What *others* see...



- ▶ Marker phenotypes
- ▶ Hypothesis testing

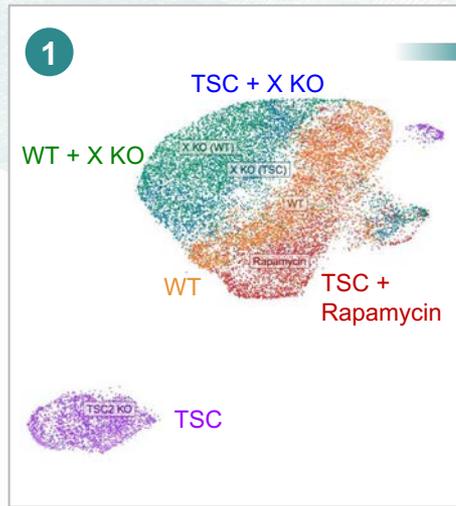
What *insitro* sees...



- ▶ Multi-modal and longitudinal data
- ▶ Learned phenotypes for biologic state
- ▶ Hypothesis generation, prediction

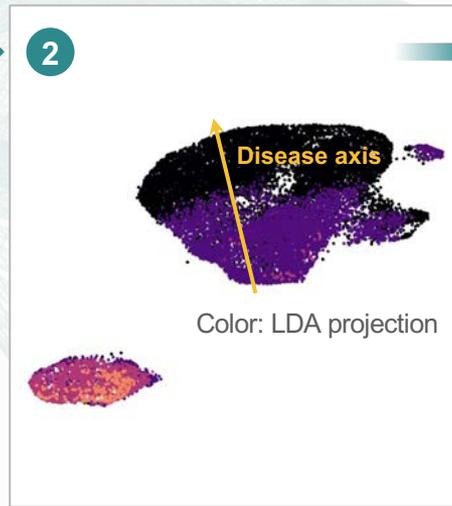
scRNAseq Model Distinguishes “Healthy” and “Sick”, and is Consistent with Patient Data

Build manifold



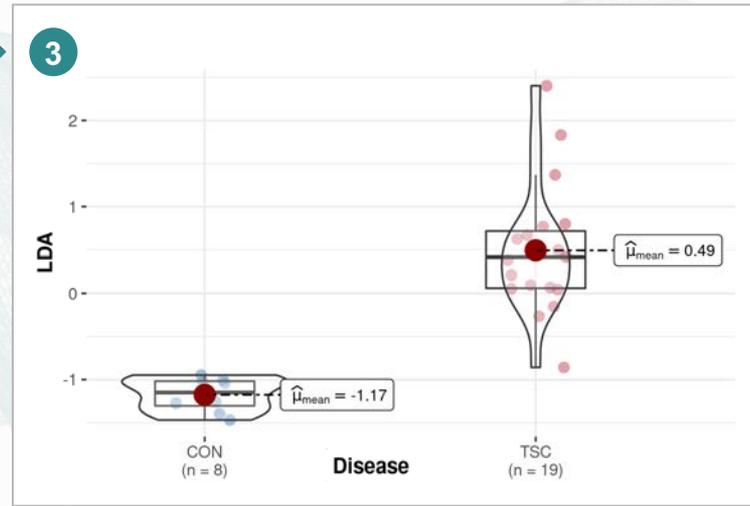
Unbiased manifold construction from scRNAseq data

Predictive model



ML (LDA) model trained to distinguish TSC^{-/-} vs WT defines a disease axis

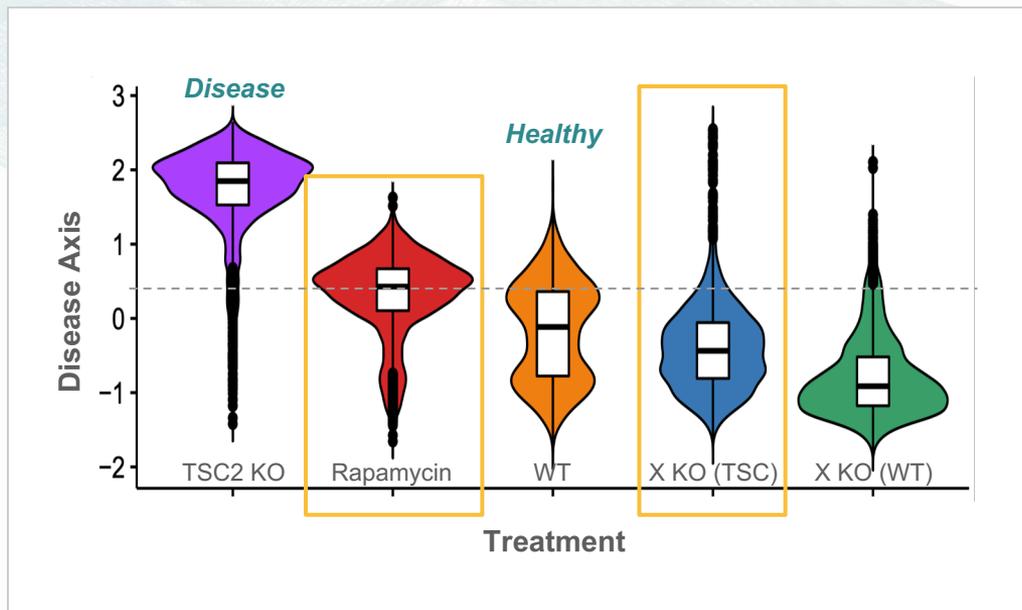
Validate in patient samples



ML model applied to bulk RNAseq data from *in vivo* patient samples¹ correctly separates “disease” from “healthy”, validating disease axis

scRNAseq ML Model Enables Interrogation of Chemical and Genetic Perturbations in TSC

Application of Predictive Model

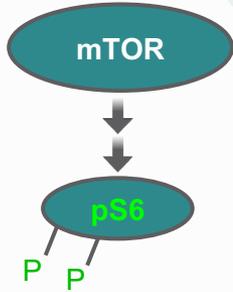


Projection of scRNAseq data onto the ML Disease Axis:

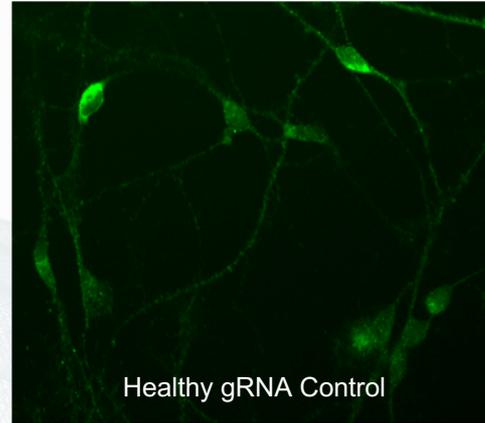
- Rapamycin shows substantial reversion, as expected
- Gene X KO also shows significant reversion, supporting its potential as an intervenable node in TSC

Tested mTOR Pathway Genes for Marker-Based Reversion

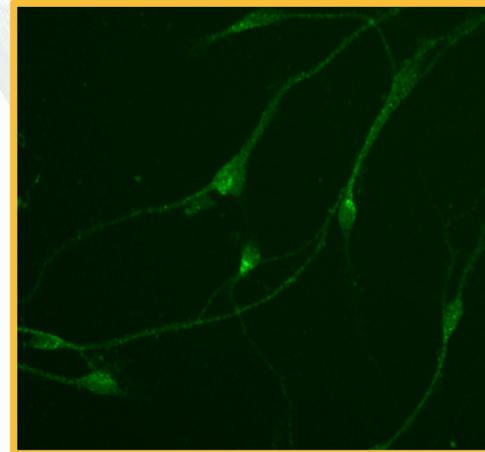
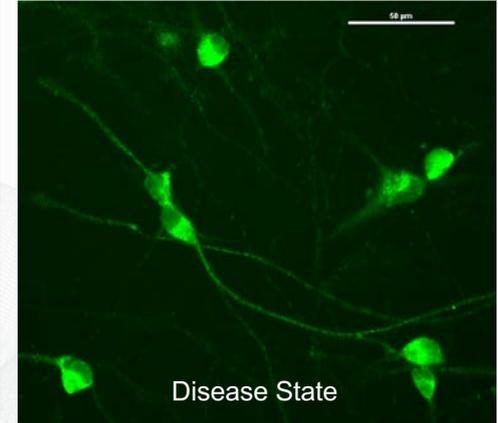
- Cells with KO of Gene X have greatly reduced pS6 signals
- Other potential targets in mTOR pathway **did not** reduce pS6



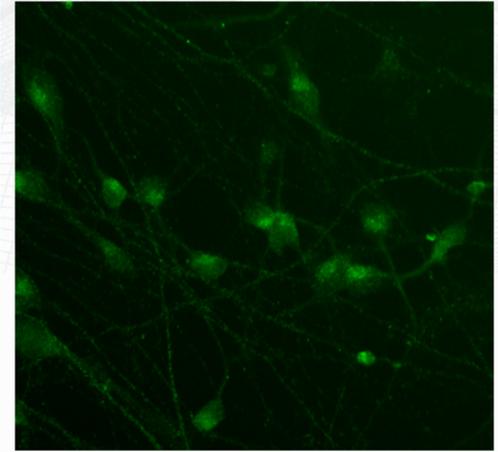
WT+ Control KO



TSC2^{-/-} + Control KO



TSC2^{-/-} + X KO

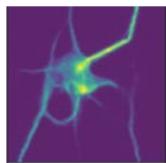


TSC2^{-/-} + Rapamycin

Morphology Model Predicts Reversion for Both Rapamycin and X KO Cells

Build classification model

DAPI, MAP2



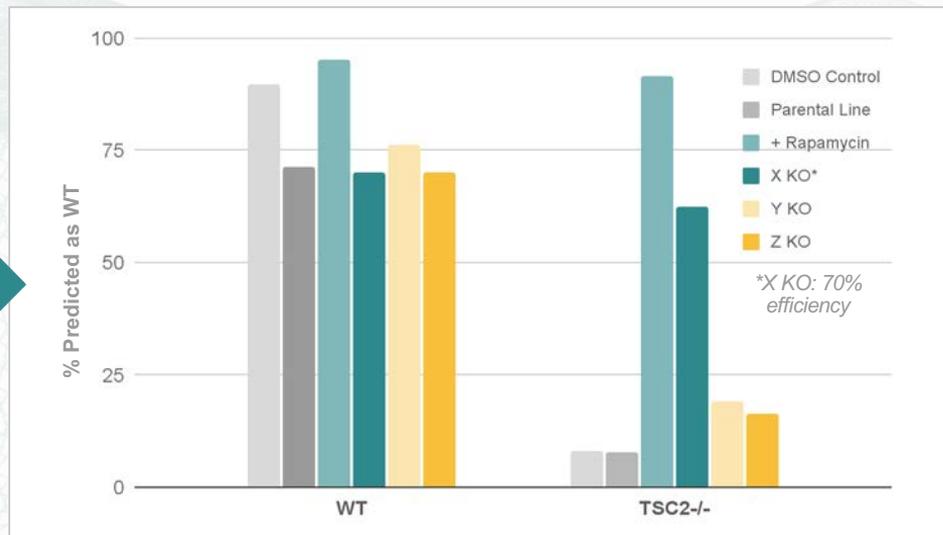
40d old neurons



TSC2^{-/-} KO
WT Control

- Generate cell morphology data on TSC2^{-/-} and WT with DAPI & MAP2
- Train model to classify cells as TSC2^{-/-} vs WT

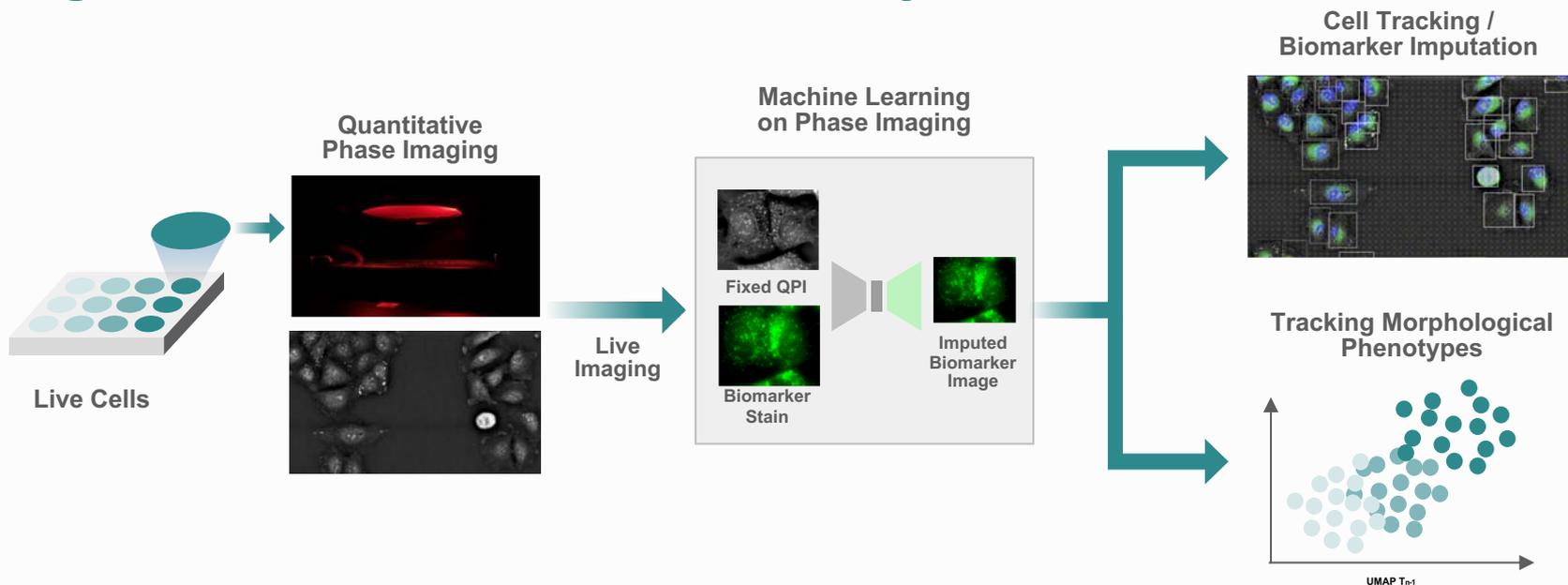
Use model to explore and test perturbagens



Perturbations in WT and TSC2^{-/-} Cells

- TSC2^{-/-} cells with **rapamycin or X KO** intervention mostly classified as “healthy”
- Interventions with KO of two other MTOR pathway genes mostly classified as “sick”, consistent with pS6 results

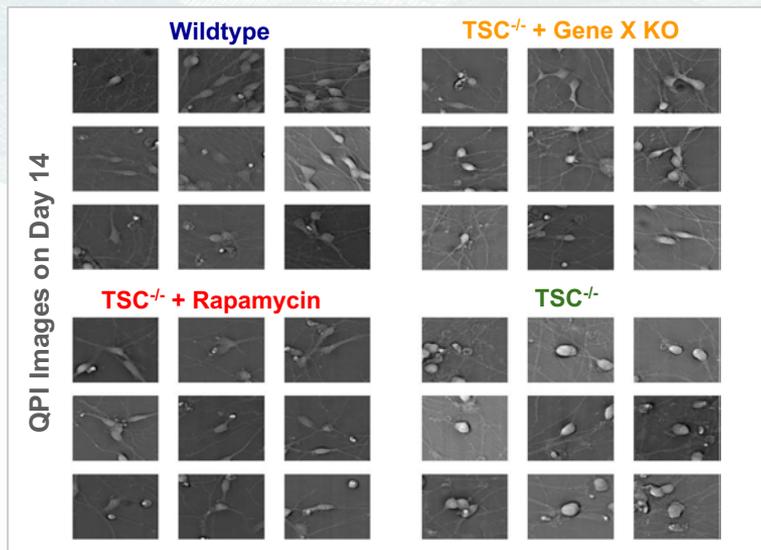
Novel, ML-Enabled Phenotyping Modalities Provide Insights into Cellular State and Dynamics



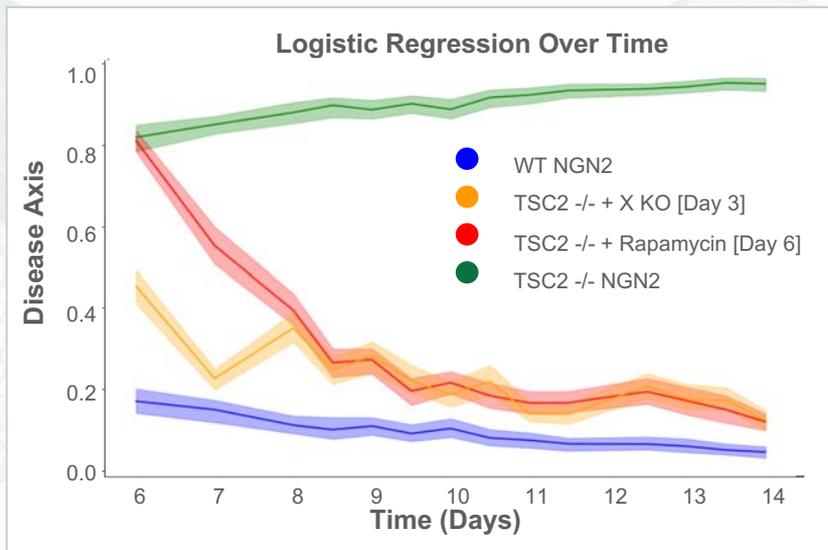
**Machine learning and quantitative phase imaging (QPI)
enable longitudinal phenotyping and exposure response tracking in live cells**

QPI Live Imaging Model Supports Reversion for Both Rapamycin and Gene X KO Cells

Others see: static morphology...

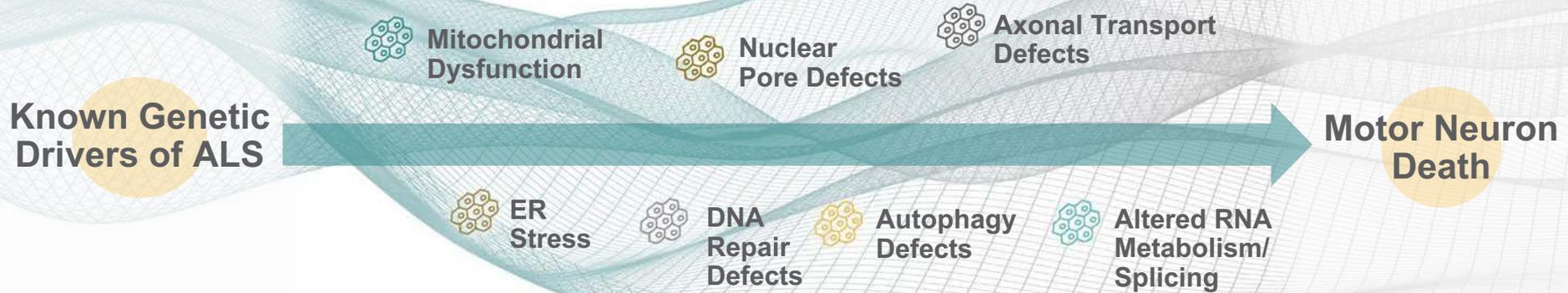


...we see live phenotypic reversion over time



ML-enabled drug discovery efforts ongoing against Gene X

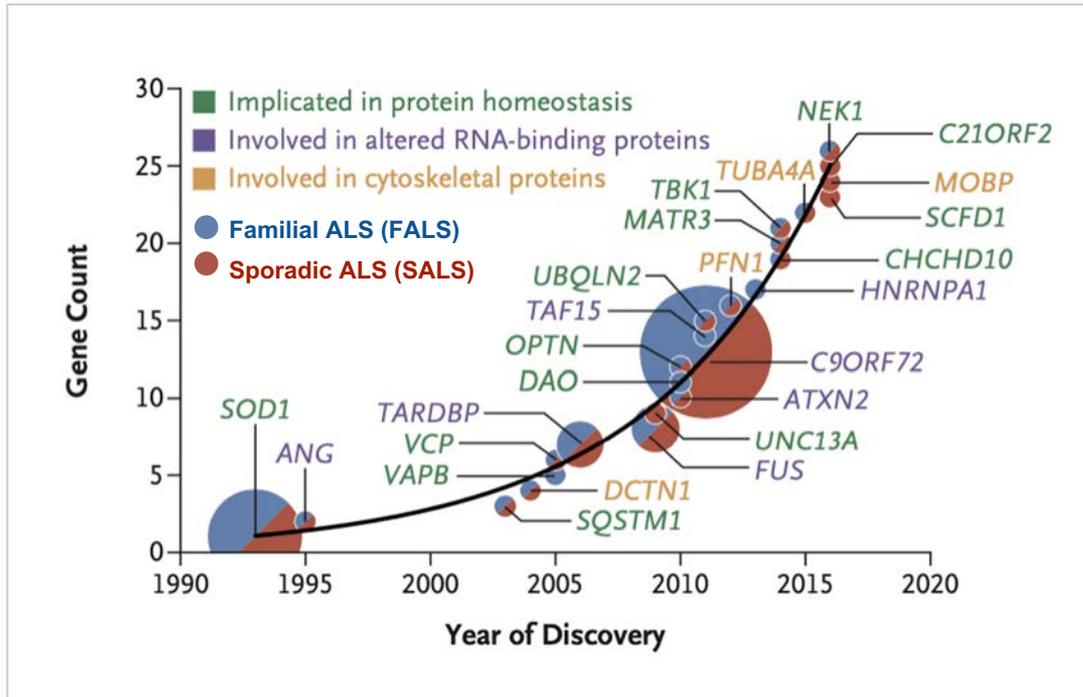
Phenotypic Manifold Generation for ALS



>70 engineered isogenic lines, >50 sporadic patient lines and >50 matched controls
ML-enabled automated differentiation; dense, multi-modal phenotyping;
work in collaboration with Bristol Myers Squibb

Identify conserved pathophysiology across heterogeneous genetic causes
to define coherent patient populations and discover high-impact targets

More Than 25 Genes Have Been Reproducibly Implicated in Familial ALS, Sporadic ALS, or Both



Shared pathological and clinical features suggest a convergence of cellular and molecular events that lead to motor neuron degeneration

Automated iPSC Maintenance and Motor Neuron Differentiation

- **High throughput hiPSC workcells:** Hamilton Vantage Liquid handlers, Liconic rotary automated incubators and Biotek Cytation imaging platforms
- **Integrated custom methods and scheduling:** automated plate coating, feeding, passaging and imaging
- **ML-enabled characterization models:** confluency and quality (pluripotency)

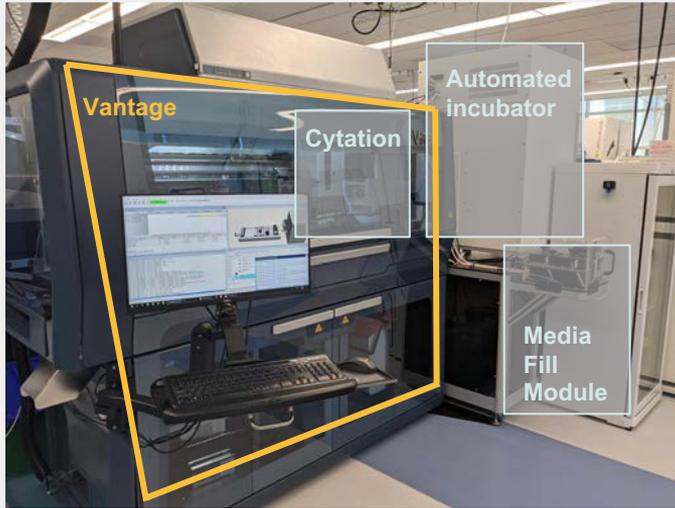


Plate Maintenance

- Custom-web based application for review of plates (multiple formats)
- Nightly whole inventory scheduled imaging
- Daily walk-away plate feed scheduling

Passaging

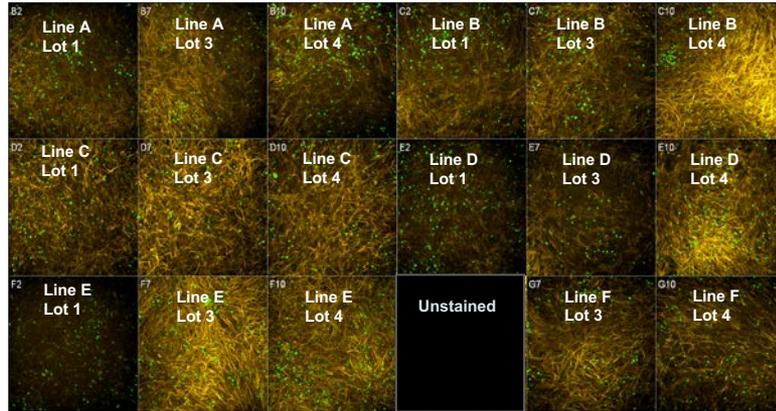
- Automated parallelized passaging of iPSC lines
- ML-informed differential seeding densities for distinct line growth rates
- Synchronization passage for differentiation

Characterization

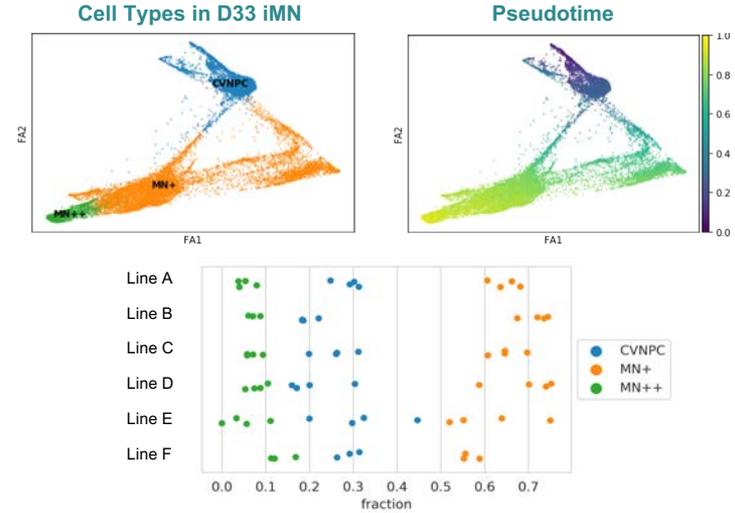
- Automated syncing to Amazon s3
- Automated ML-enabled characterization of confluency, growth rates and iPSC quality (pluripotency)
- Image-based cell counting method for cell number normalization

AutoMN Differentiation is Robust and Reproducible Across iPSC Lines

6 iPSC Lines Across 4 Replicate Runs

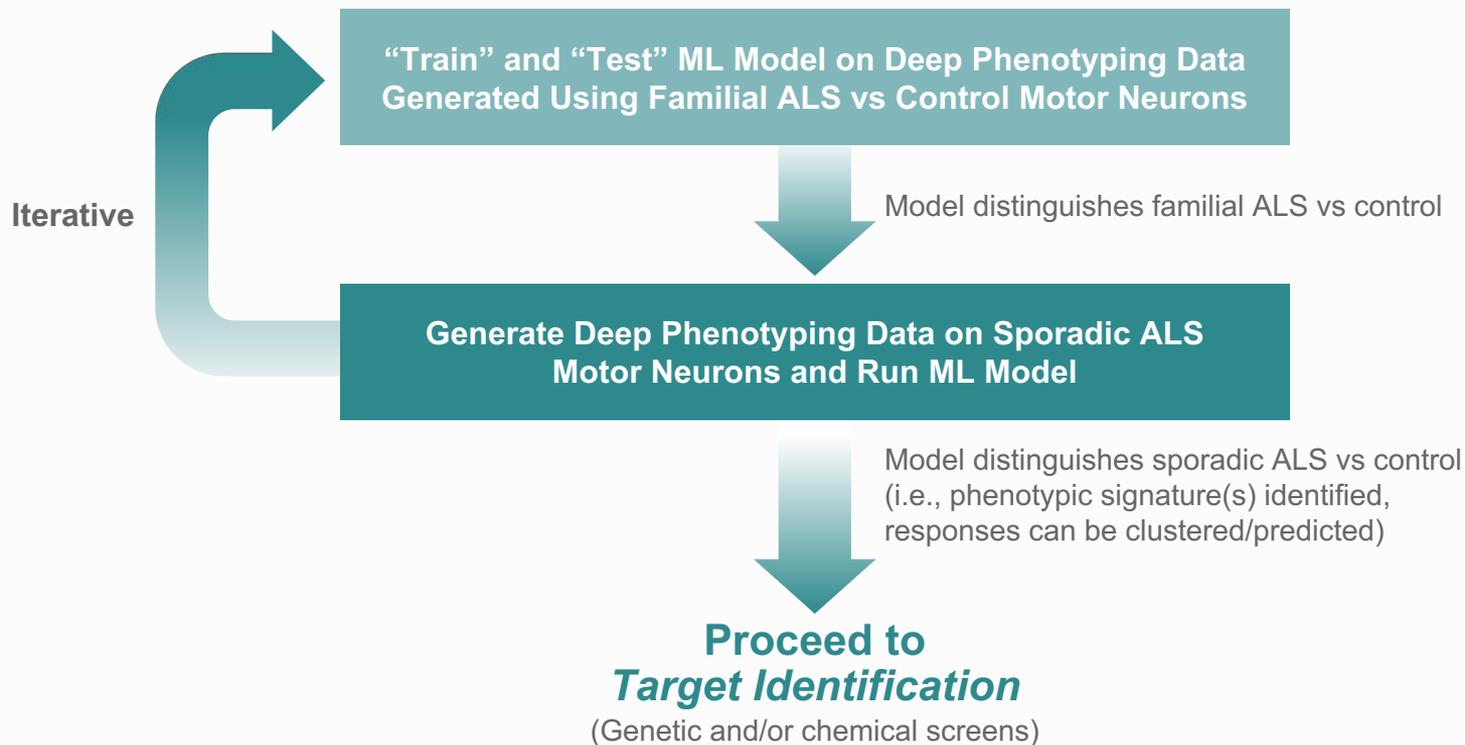


sc-RNA seq analysis



- Consistent generation of iMNs across 24 unique differentiations with rich QC time course data
- Pseudotime analysis of differentiation trajectories from each lot at Day 33 reflect high confidence in iMN clustering
- sc-RNA seq clustering of iMNs at Day 33 shows highly reproducible iMN generation across diffs and lines
- All 6 control lines closely resemble CDI motor neurons (whole transcriptome analysis)

Development of a Predictive Cellular Model of ALS





insitro's Aspiration

Discover and develop transformative medicines for patients

Derisk and accelerate R&D through predictive models based on machine learning and data at scale

Build a data-enabled flywheel that allows us to do this faster and better over time